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DOUBTFUL SYLLABLES IN IAMBIC SENARII.

MR. DARNLEY NAYLOR'S list of 'ten words which, though they occur in iambic senarii, are never long' is not quite accurate. Omitting ἀποτρέπειν and ἰκνεῖσθαι, which as far as I know are never long, let us consider the remaining eight. (1) ὕγρός. Mr. Darnley Naylor expressly excepts the *Iphigenia in Aulis* from his calculations, but I see no reason for excepting the admittedly genuine part, and μὰ τὸν δι' ὕγρῶν κυμάτων τεθραμμένον | Νηρέα (l. 948) is accepted by Mr. England in his edition (1891). (2) λάθρα is twice long in the *Danae* of Euripides, ll. 28, 38, a passage which also supplies an instance of μακρός, a use denied to Euripides by Mr. Darnley Naylor. (3) μετρεῖν. Athen. xiii. p. 599 cites as from Euripides ἦν οὐδ' ἂν εἴποις, οὐδὲ μετρήσειας ἄν. (4) ὀτρύνω. It must have been by a slip that the two passages in Sophocles are placed under the head of doubtful. In *Electra* 28 it is short, ἡμᾶς τ' ὀτρύνεις: in *Ajax* 771 it is long, ἡνίκ' ὀτρύνουσά νιν. A similar slip must be responsible for the citation as short of the only example of (5) προπίτνω, *Electra* 1380, αἰτῶ, προπίτνω, λίσσομαι. (6) διπλός is to be found long in the *Glaucus Potnieus* of Aeschylus (fr. 30) εἰλκον δ' ἄνω λυκηδόν, ὥστε διπλόοι | λύκοι κ.τ.λ. Finally though I cannot quote an instance of either μέτριος or ὄκνος used long in senarii, yet they are both lengthened in anapaests, the former in the *Alcestis* 884, the latter in the *Ajax* 139.

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I am grateful to Mr. Herbert W. Greene for drawing attention to my delinquencies. I intentionally omitted the Fragments in my statistics, but ought, of course, to have said so. The purpose of my paper was to show the *relative* frequency of longs and shorts. It would obviously be unfair to record two longs in a fragment when the whole play might contain twenty shorts.

It seems to me that the genuine portions of the *Iphigenia in Aulis* come under the category of fragments. As to my slips in regard to ὀτρύνω and προπίτνω I can only say that I did my best to avoid errors; but mistakes are inevitable when one has recorded many thousands of instances which afterwards require to be counted and classified. Still I do not think that the main position will be affected by any lapses on my part.

I have long ago deposited my *references* with the Editor, and, if Mr. Greene cares to go through them and correct me further, I personally shall be prepared to thank him.

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